

DCA Programs



Are you doing great things for the environment? Do you participate in voluntary environmental events? Does your workplace go above and beyond regulatory requirements? If you answered yes, then [KY EXCEL](#) is a program for you.



The [Operator Certification Program](#) trains and certifies wastewater and drinking water system operators to ensure that these environmental professionals are qualified and prepared to properly treat and protect Kentucky's water resources.



*The Kentucky Brownfield Program
Recycling the Commonwealth*

The [Brownfield Program](#) helps communities and property owners identify meaningful solutions that encourage the cleanup and redevelopment of underused, contaminated properties.

Grant Applications Available for Waste Projects

The Energy and Environment Cabinet's (EEC) Division of Waste Management is accepting grant applications for projects that develop an integrated recycling infrastructure, manage household hazardous waste and offer public education programs relating to recycling and household hazardous waste management. For more information, see <http://www.waste.ky.gov/>.

State Environmental Awards Program Seeks Nominations

The Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection (DEP) is soliciting nominations for the 2010 Environmental Excellence Awards. These awards were established to recognize the environmental leadership efforts and activities of individuals, businesses and organizations in the state. Through this awards program, DEP is providing a platform to tell the stories of the environmental stewardship taking place in the Commonwealth.

The awards being offered include three Environmental Pacesetter Awards to recognize exemplary efforts to protect the environment, conserve resources and set an example of environmental stewardship for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Community Environmental Luminary Award highlights achievements in community-based environmental education and outreach. The Resource Caretaker Award focuses on efforts to conserve Kentucky's resources. The KY EXCEL Champion Award recognizes a KY EXCEL member that has shown leadership in promoting green behaviors and the KY EXCEL program.

Award nominations are being accepted until COB May 31, 2010. Winners will be notified in July 2010, and invited to the awards presentation scheduled during the Governor's Conference on the Environment, Oct. 20-21, 2010, in Louisville. For more information, click [here](#). The nomination form is available [here](#).

DEP Seeks Entries for 2010 Green Art Contest

The Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection is pleased to announce the nomination period for the 2010 Green Art Contest. To nominate a deserving high school junior or senior artist whose art is connected to or influenced by the environment, go to <http://dca.ky.gov/> and fill out the nomination form. Instructions are also included with the nomination form. For questions, e-mail envhelp@ky.gov.

Area-Wide Planning Pilot Program

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the availability of grant funds and direct assistance (through agency contract support) and is



Environmental laws can often be confusing and challenging. The [Environmental Compliance Assistance Program](#) helps regulated entities understand and comply with environmental obligations, advocates for entities under represented in the regulatory process and facilitates moving beyond compliance to environmental leadership.

soliciting proposals from eligible entities to facilitate community involvement in area-wide planning approaches to brownfields assessment, cleanup and subsequent reuse. Area-wide planning grant funding and technical assistance will be directed to brownfields-impacted areas, such as a neighborhood, district, city block or corridor. The EPA anticipates selecting approximately 20 pilot projects through this competitive opportunity. The deadline for proposal receipt (postmarked hard copy or via e-mail) is June 1, 2010.

The EPA is soliciting these proposals under section 104(k)(6) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended under the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act (Brownfields Law). For more information about applying for funding or to participate in a Webinar for applicants, visit http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/areawide_grants.htm.

EPA Proposes to Revoke New Source Review Final Rule

The EPA is proposing to revoke a January 2009 rule that changed the way existing industrial facilities combine upcoming construction projects to determine if Clean Air Act permits are needed. The EPA is concerned that the changes made last year to its "aggregation policy" would make the agency's New Source Review permitting program less effective, allowing facilities to increase emissions that may impact air quality without a thorough review.

The EPA also is proposing to extend the effective date of the 2009 aggregation rule for an additional six months to give the agency time to complete the reconsideration. The agency will take comment on the proposal rule for 30 days after it is published in the Federal Register. For more information on this proposal, see <http://www.epa.gov/nsr/actions.html>.

EPA Issues Comprehensive Guidance to Protect Appalachian Communities From Harmful Environmental Impacts of Mountaintop Mining

The EPA announced a set of actions to further clarify and strengthen environmental permitting requirements for Appalachian mountaintop removal and other surface coal mining projects, in coordination with federal and state regulatory agencies. Using the best available science and following the law, the comprehensive guidance sets clear benchmarks for preventing significant and irreversible damage to Appalachian watersheds at risk from mining activity. It is estimated that almost 2,000 miles of Appalachian headwater streams have been buried by mountaintop coal mining.

To read the complete press release on this subject, [click here](#).

EPA's Reconsideration of Interpretation of Regulations Regarding PSD

On March 29, 2010, the EPA completed its reconsideration of a Dec. 18, 2008 memorandum entitled "EPA's Interpretation of Regulations that Determine Pollutants Covered by Federal Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Permit Program." A PSD permit is required before a new industrial facility can be built or an existing facility can expand in a way that significantly increases emissions.

To download a copy of this notice, go to the EPA's Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/nsr>.

The final action and other background information are also available electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, the EPA's electronic public docket and comment system. The docket number for this action is Docket ID No. EPA-HQOAR-2009-0597. For more information on the final rule, contact Dave Svendsgaard at 919-541-2380 or svendsgaard.dave@epa.gov.

EPA Proposes Adding More Chemicals to Toxics Release Inventory List

The EPA is proposing to add 16 chemicals to the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) list of reportable chemicals, the first expansion of the program in more than a decade. Established as part of the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA), TRI is a publicly available EPA database that contains information on toxic chemical releases and waste management activities reported annually by certain industries as well as federal facilities. The EPA has concluded, based on a review of available studies, that these chemicals could cause cancer in people. The purpose of the proposed addition to TRI reporting requirements is to inform the public about chemical releases in their communities and to provide the government with information for research and potential development of regulations. The EPA will accept public comments on the proposal for 60 days after it appears in the Federal Register.

More information on TRI can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/tri>. For a list of the 16 chemicals, visit http://www.epa.gov/tri/lawsandregs/ntp_chemicals/index.html.

EPA Formally Announces Phase-in of Clean Air Act Permitting for Greenhouse Gases

Under a final decision issued by the EPA, no stationary sources will be required to get Clean Air Act permits that cover greenhouse gases (GHGs) before January 2011. The EPA has pledged to take sensible steps to address the billions of tons of greenhouse gas pollution that threaten Americans' health and welfare, and is providing time for large industrial facilities and state governments to put in place cost-effective, innovative technologies to control and reduce carbon pollution.

This action is the final step in the EPA's reconsideration of the Dec. 18, 2008 memorandum entitled "EPA's Interpretation of Regulations that Determine Pollutants Covered by Federal Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Permit Program." The final action clarifies when GHGs and other pollutants are covered under Clean Air Act permitting programs.

For more information, see <http://www.epa.gov/nsr/guidance.html>.

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